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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION

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1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WAS CALLED IN BY S.V. S. JUNEJA,
JOINT SECRETARY, MOF, TO ASK IF DECISION HAD BEEN MADE
ON DATES AND SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
SUBCOMMISSION. HE WAS GIVEN GIST OF COMMENTS IN REFTEL.

2. JUNEJA HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TOLD OF OUR LACK OF
ENTHUSIASM FOR CONTINUING AGRICULTURE INPUTS WORKING
GROUP. HE NOW SAID THAT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS
DEVELOPED A LIST OF FOURTEEN ITEMS WHICH THEY WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN PURSUING UNDER THE GROUP. MOA WAS
SUGGESTING THAT ONE MORE MEETING OF THE GROUP TAKE PLACE
WHERE THESE ITEMS COULD BE DISCUSSED, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE FINAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA WOULD BE HOW AND IN
WHAT FORM TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE.

3. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT NOT TO AGREE. BOTH GOVERNMENTS
PLACE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT. IT DOES NOT SEEM TO US TO BE AN
APPROPRIATE TIME TO TERMINATE A DIALOGUE IN THIS
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AREA, ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE SIDE AT LEAST BELIEVES THERE
IS MUCH TO BE GAINED BY IT. WE WILL SEND LIST OF
FOURTEEN ITEMS BY SEPTTEL AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

4. WE AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE SUBCOMMISSION
SHOULD BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE MORE THAN TRADE AND
INVESTMENT.(THE GOI IN THE PAST HAS MADE THE SAME

POINT.) INCLUSION OF AID-RELATED MATTERS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THIS OBJECTIVE. IN THUHSFWEGARD, WE SUGGEST RECONSIDERATION OF THE IDEA TO DROP MULTILATERAL ISSUES FROM THE AGENDA. RECENT CONSULTATIONS IWTH THE GOI ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES (LOS, NUCLEAR MATTERS, NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE) HAVE REVEALED A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS CANDIDLY AND OPENLY SENSITIVE MATTERS ON WHICH WE HOLD DIFFERENT VIEWS. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE DURING VISIT OF AMBASSADOR WELLS IN DISCUSSIONS ON NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. WE BELIEVE THE GOI WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO INCLUDING MULTILATERAL ISSUES ON THE AGENDA. MFA, MTNS, CIEC (IN THE UN), COMMODITIES, ALL WILL BE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS AT THAT TIME. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE URGE MULTILATERAL ISSUES BE REINSTATED ON THE AGENDA.
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